

**Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Council Minutes
March 9, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on March 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsport Town Hall.

In attendance were:

Mayor James G. McCleaf II

Assistant Mayor Monty Jones

Council member Gloria Bitner

Council member James Kalbfleisch

Town Attorney Edward Kuczynski

Also Present – Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk

Mayor James McCleaf II called the meeting to order.

Mayor James McCleaf II asked all in attendance to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2009 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Kalbfleisch, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Donnie Stotemyer gave the Treasurers Report. A motion was made by Councilman Kalbfleisch, seconded by Assistant Mayor Monty Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Mayor McCleaf read a thank you card from Downsville Pack 58 for the time spent talking to the Webelo Scouts on February 17, 2009. They thought the time spent with them was very informative and left them with a better idea how small town government worked.

Mayor McCleaf read a letter from the Washington County Chapter of the MML concerning the upcoming meeting, which is being held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Funkstown American Legion Post 211 in Funkstown.

Reports

No February 2009 Sheriffs Report was given.

Guests

Mayor McCleaf introduced Tonya Williams, Town Resident. Ms. Williams was present to talk about the Trails Town Program. Ms. Williams stated that grants are available and Representatives will assist Towns participating in this program with applying for them. Ms. Williams also discussed the Trail Town Books, which are available at a cost of \$10.00 each. The local merchants are willing to purchase ads in these books, but are asking that the Town of Williamsport purchase a 2-page ad at a cost of \$1200.00. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilman Kalbfleisch to purchase a 2-page ad in the Trails Town Program Guide at a cost of \$1200.00, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Williams also stated that the Town Merchants are asking to use sign brackets to display their signs. Currently these are not allowed in the Town. Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney stated that there is a sign ordinance currently in effect in the Town but the Merchants could request a Special Exception to this rule or an amendment to the current Zoning Ordinance could also be requested. Ms. Williams will follow up with Richard Grimm, Zoning Administrator on this matter.

Mayor McCleaf introduced Bobbi Cole representing the Williamsport Days Committee. Ms. Cole presented the Mayor & Council with a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 to help with the Christmas in the Park. Ms. Cole also reported that 57 vendors have signed up and paid for Williamsport Days so far. The next Williamsport Committee Mtg is scheduled for March 17, 2009 at the Williamsport Library at 6:00p.m.

Legal Council

Council Reports

Assistant Mayor Jones stated that since this would be his last meeting as Assistant Mayor there are several people and business' that he would like to recognize. These included Junior Brown, Ken Lafferty, Walter & Linda Williams, Leiters Fine Catering, Tony's Pizza, and Regina Yohe. Assistant Mayor Jones stated that these residents and businesses have really made a great contribution to the Community.

Mayor McCleaf and Assistant Mayor Monty Jones presented a proclamation (attached) to Linda and Walter Williams for their many volunteer hours for the Conococheague Little League.

Councilwoman Bitner reported that Milton Stamper Contractors have begun working on the Pool for the upcoming season. She also stated that this would be her last meeting as she did not seek re-election and that she wanted to thank the Mayor and Council and stated that she enjoyed working with everyone.

Councilman Kalbfleisch had no report.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCleaf reported that the History Museum Board would be meeting on Thursday March 12, 2009 at 7:00p.m. at the Williamsport Museum.

Mayor McCleaf also reported that the swearing in ceremony will be held at the Town Hall on March 16, 2009 at 7:00p.m. for the newly elected Council members.

Mayor McCleaf reported that the Sunrise Service is scheduled for April 12, 2009 at the Springfield Barn.

Unfinished Business

Mayor McCleaf reviewed the recent re-bids for the MDE Sewer Project that was held at the Williamsport Town Hall on March 3, 2009. The following bids were submitted:

Fayetteville Contractors	\$175,822.79
W.F. Delauter & Son Inc	\$179,661.29
Charles E. Brake Co. Inc.	\$186,654.00

No decision will be made on this matter until the Town receives permission from the MDE to proceed with the project.

Mayor McCleaf reviewed with the Council that the Civil War Heritage will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Williamsport Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Kalbfleisch questioned Mayor McCleaf about the Tennant House Project. The Mayor informed the Council that the Town is moving forward with the project. John James and Mrs. Marvellis are assisting the Town with the Tennant House projects. The Town is working with the insurance company at this time. Legal action will be taken against the contractor who backed out and re-bidding will take place as soon as the Town is given permission to proceed.

New Business

Mayor McCleaf held discussion on the recent Town of Williamsport election held on March 2, 2009. The re-count was held on March 6, 2009. A motion was made by Councilman Kalbfleisch to certify the election, seconded by Assistant Mayor Jones, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor McCleaf held discussion on Downsville Pack #58 seeking permission to use the upper portion (Pavilion 3) of the Byron Memorial Park on May 9, 2009 for a Fun Day. This matter was tabled.

Mayor McCleaf then held discussion on Headstart of Washington County seeking permission to use Byron Memorial Park for their Annual Fatherhood Event scheduled for April 18th, 2009. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones to grant Headstart of Washington County permission to use Byron Memorial Park on April 18th, 2009 for their Fatherhood Event, seconded by Councilwoman Bitner, with all voting in favor, motion carried. Mayor McCleaf will inform the Town workers to make sure the bathrooms are open for this event.

Citizen Participation

Washington County Commissioner Kristen Aleshire reported on the Stimulus money from the Federal Government. Approx. 300 million dollars is dedicated to infrastructure reconstruction for the State of Maryland.

Earle Pereschuk, former Councilman, thanked the Mayor & Council and stated that even though they didn't always agree he still felt things worked out for the best. He also questioned the Mayor and Council on parking permits. Mr. Pereschuk asked if the parking permit program was still in effect and if the yearly fees were still being collected. He was informed that the program was still in effect and the fees were still being collected.

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Bitner to adjourn the meeting, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotlemeyer
Town Clerk
Town of Williamsport